

Sur.Gen.John Cochrane House(1785)
Palatine Church (Nelliston)New York

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2 -GENERAL COCHRANE HOUSE
Palatine Church, Montgomery County, New YorkOwner:Date of Erection: c.1790Architect:Builder: Major James Cochrane for his father, Dr. John CochranePresent Condition: FairNumber of Stories: TwoMaterials of Construction: FrameOther Existing Records: "The Old Mohawk Turnpike", Nelson Green

Additional Data: Dr. John Cochrane was Surgeon General of the Middle Department, U. S. Army, in the Revolution from 1776 until 1781, when he was appointed Director-General of the U. S. A. Hospital in 1783. He was a close friend of General Washington and the latter gave him several pieces of furniture, when the army broke quarters at Newburg in 1783 and this furniture graced this house in Palatine many years.

Many of the most notable Americans were guests at the Cochrane house as they passed through the valley. When the Mohawk Chieftain, Joschl Frant, visited the valley in 1782 on his way to Washington, the Cochran's here protected him from the angry valley farmers who swore to have his life.

General Cochrane died in 1807 and the Cochranes, in 1817, moved to Utica.

The two sons of General Cochrane, Major James and Captain Walter Cochrane, both Revolutionary Officers, lived here with their parents. General Philip Schuyler, brother-in-law to General John Cochran and Alexander Hamilton, were many times visitors to this house.

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